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## Field Crops

Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in poor to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley conditions are fair to excellent. Durum Wheat conditions are fair to mostly excellent. Winter Wheat conditions are poor to excellent, depending on location, and 91 percent of the crop is planted, 6 percentage points behind last year and 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Cotton planting is 24 percent complete, 2 percentage points ahead of last year, and 6 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. This week there were 7 days suitable for field work.

### **Moisture Conditions**

	Subsoil Moisture	Topsoil Moisture
	- Percent -	
Very Short	0	0
Short	34	36
Adequate	66	64
Surplus	0	0

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped Bok Choy, broccoli, cilantro, green and red cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, green and red cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, radicchio, spinach and various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce last week.

## Range and Pasture

Range conditions continue to dry out throughout the State, as more moisture is needed to promote new forage. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	6	7	21	37	29
Barley	1	0	39	51	9
Cotton	0	0	2	36	62
Durum Wheat	0	0	11	38	51
Range and Pasture	25	30	31	14	0
Winter Wheat	0	9	17	44	30

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Barley, Emerged	91	89	99	99
Cotton, Planted	24	11	22	18
Durum Wheat, Emerged	99	N/A	81	45
Winter Wheat, Planted	91	91	97	88

N/A – Not Available

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
March 24, 2014 - March 30, 2014								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	3	84	38	0.00	0.43	-3.05	12
Buckeye	66	4	88	45	0.00	0.76	-1.45	34
Bullhead City	67	1	92	47	0.00	0.24	-2.61	8
Canyon De Chelly	49	3	69	27	0.00	1.34	-0.70	66
Coolidge	63	2	87	40	0.00	0.97	-1.67	37
Douglas	59	4	81	36	0.00	0.44	-1.20	27
Flagstaff	42	5	62	20	0.10	1.84	-4.77	28
Grand Canyon	39	7	65	13	0.00	0.81	-6.18	12
Kingman	58	7	79	35	0.00	0.55	-2.31	19
Maricopa	66	4	87	44	0.00	1.14	-1.24	48
Paloma	66	3	89	43	0.00	0.27	-2.11	11
Parker	67	3	91	44	0.00	0.44	-1.44	23
Payson	51	4	76	30	0.00	1.83	-4.39	29
Phoenix	71	7	89	55	0.00	0.99	-1.22	45
Prescott	52	8	72	30	0.00	0.68	-4.16	14
Roll	64	0	89	43	0.00	0.34	-0.44	44
Safford	60	5	82	39	0.00	0.42	-1.42	23
St. Johns	49	3	73	26	0.00	0.75	-1.35	36
Tucson	66	6	86	46	0.00	0.59	-1.68	26
Willcox	57	4	83	34	0.01	1.26	-0.96	57
Winslow	52	4	76	28	0.01	1.02	-0.49	68
Yuma	71	6	90	52	0.00	0.07	-0.71	9
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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